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Chuck Rosenberg, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, announced that today, in the U.S. District Court in Norfolk, Virginia, Tyquan Anderson, also known as "Ty", age 30, of Norfolk, Virginia, was sentenced to 327 months imprisonment for possession of crack cocaine and powder cocaine with intent to distribute and for possession of a firearm and ammunition by a convicted felon.

The federal charges arose out of the arrest on February 9, 2005, of Anderson by Norfolk Police Department narcotics officers on state charges following the execution of a state search warrant at Anderson's residence in Norfolk and the recovery of crack and powder cocaine and a loaded 9mm Ruger semiautomatic pistol. The basis for the search warrant was a consensually monitored telephone call in which Anderson agreed to provide a cooperating individual crack and powder cocaine. The case was referred to the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) for federal prosecution under Project Safe Neighborhood (PSN)/EXILE. At the time he committed the offenses, Anderson was on federal supervised release following a term of imprisonment on a 2000 federal conviction. Anderson faces up to an additional three years of incarceration when he has a hearing on April 3, 2006, for his violation of federal supervised release.

PSN/EXILE is a federal program that uses a joint federal and state multi-agency approach to target armed criminals for prosecution in federal court for possession or use of firearms in violation of federal laws. It is a part of Project Safe Neighborhoods, a nationwide effort by the Department of Justice aimed at reducing violent crime. Most firearms cases involve or are related to drug trafficking. Since its inception in Hampton Roads in late 1997, Project PSN/EXILE has produced more than 1110 convictions and removed more than 1860 firearms from armed criminals.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney James A. Metcalfe.

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